per cent and non-food articles increased by 1.85 per cent over their 1983-84 price level.

Underground water resources

647. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that underground water resources are depleting fast;

(b) if so, the names of States in which the problem has become acute and is affecting agriculture adversely; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The present utilisation of ground water is estimated at about 24 per cent of total resource potential in the country. Intensive exploitation of ground water resources has led to decline in ground water levels in some areas of the country. Such pockets are located in different parts of the States of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

(c) Measures like artificial recharge of groundwater and imposition of restrictions on flow of financial assistance from institutional sources for further groundwater development in such areas have been taken.

RE. PRODUCTION OF MATERIAL OBJECT IN THE HOUSE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yesterday, Mr. Chatterjee produced some material object in the House which is contrary to rules. I would like to give the floor to Mr. Chatterjee.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): Yesterday, when you mentioned this to me, I readily agreed to apologise before the House. I thank you, Sir, but permit me to offer a point of clarification. Sir, I was accused of breaking a promise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. You need not go into it. I may tell you it is against all rules and all kinds of conventions to produce a material object in the House. It was produced. You have expressed regret. The House is happy. All of us are happy. I thank you and please sit down. Now, Papers to be laid on the Table.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Sir, kindly allow me to explain.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No explanation. You can meet me in my Chamber, if you like.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Accounts and Audited Accounts (1984-85) of the Delhi Development Authority and related papers

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Accounts of the Delhi Development Authority for the year 1984-85, and the Audit Report thereon under sub-section (4) of section 25 of the Delhi Development Act, 1957.

(ii) Review by Government on the Audited Accounts of the Delhi Development Authority, for the year 1984-85.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (i) above.

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